



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

June 10, 2010

Headquarters – Kalasky Room

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Seiler, Stoddard & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder
Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused
Deputy Chief Frank Papa
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused
Dick Brown

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre
Fmr. Comm. John Gubbins
Captain John Montano
Lt. Mike Iskra
Lt. Joe Lapierre

III. Public Participation

Former Commissioner John Gubbins asked for a moment to explain his request for a Commissioner's uniform. He made the request at the May meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held at Company#4.

He feels due to all the years of service to the Fire Department, and the many contributions that he made as chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, he would like the Commission to authorize the purchase.

Lt. John Montano made to the group aware that after forty three years, Bob Roy and wife Gloria are moving to Arizona near the end of June. Bob was a member of Company#1 and also a Deputy Fire Marshal. A barbeque was held by Company #1 to honor his years of service.

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Chief Schroeder spoke of Bob's years in the Fire Marshal's office and wished him Good Luck, and to stay in touch with the folks back here.

IV. Communications

Communications were accepted as read.

V. Ledger Status

The Commissioner's reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported it on track for the year to date.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Massapequa Weekend plans are moving ahead. There are 50 people signed up to go. There is still room on the bus but it is filling up fast.

The Captain's Project is unchanged.

The Veteran's Golf Tournament is all set.

Commissioner Stoddard in reviewing the Rules & Regulations has found some discrepancies. He would like the secretary to send a memo to the company captains asking them to provide someone to serve on a committee to review and make corrections where needed, the Rules & Regulations along with Commissioner Stoddard and Captain Bob Regina. They would like to have this completed by the October meeting.

Commissioner Stoddard asked how we are doing with our ISO. Chief Schroeder reported that everything is in order with the exception of some equipment on the apparatus. Deputy Chief Gill is coordinating the project. He attended a course at the Hartford County Training School to prepare for the review.

Commission Chairman Seiler read a letter from the Commission to Chief Chris Schroeder, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis and Deputy Chief Frank Papa reappointing them to a five year term effective June 1, 2010. All received their personal copy of the letter. Commissioner Seiler further stated that Deputy Chief Gill will continue under the guidelines of his appointment.

Chairman Seiler stated that it is clear why the morale of the department is higher than its been for quite a while and membership has increased remarkably.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Schroeder announced that we had gotten a \$ 6,000 donation about eight weeks ago. At that time Chief Schroeder was told there would be additional money donated bringing the total to about \$ 16,000. He received a check recently in the amount of \$ 36,000 from the same donor. The initial amount was given to Department Inc. The second check was turned over To Ann Harter in Finance so that she may establish a special account for the department. The Ambulance Corp., Police Department, The Library, and other charities were also recipients of monetary gifts.

We have purchase a compressor from the Burlington Fire Department for \$ 3,000 and it will be delivered to Company#2.

There was an article in Newington Life about the success of Tip-A-Firefighter recently at TGIFridays. The Newington Fire team ranked third highest in donations. Gary Pierson and his crew did a great job.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins asked about the letters that the Chiefs had received and why the appointment process was changed from years past. After much discussion and explanation of the current policy the five year term limit issue was closed.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Stoddard stated that there has been concern over the keys for the doors. He requested a list of who had keys. Chief Schroeder stated this is an area that Sherry handles and that the list is extensive.

Commissioner Bogacz told Chief Schroeder that he had received many compliments at the Memorial Day Parade concerning the department, equipment and how impressive the department was.

Commissioner Seiler told how the previous night he had attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Bill Pollock, Jr. which was very well attended. The scoutmaster commented on the fact that now Bill is eighteen, scouting will probably take a back seat to his commitment to fire fighting. It was also reported that Bill was the recipient of six scholarships one of them being the NVFA scholarship.

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X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was concluded at 9:40pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

